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Applicant : Pu Zhou
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 6, 2003, applicant hereby elects the invention exemplified by Species A which is directed to Figure 1. The claims readable thereon are claims 1-12. This election is made with traverse on the grounds that the various embodiments of the steerable guide-in-guide catheter system are patentably indistinct variations, *e.g.*, merely different compositions of the various catheter tubes.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4232 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Office is authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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